

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1687 Manhattan Project National Historical Park Study Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on April 28, 2004

S. 1687 would direct the Department of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Los Alamos National Laboratory and other sites that were associated with the Manhattan Project. The various sites, located in New Mexico, Tennessee, and Washington, would be evaluated to determine the feasibility and suitability of designating them as a unit of the National Park System. The bill would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary for the study and would require the department to report on its findings and recommendations within two years of receiving funds.

Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that it would cost about \$250,000 over the next three years to complete the required study and report. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1687 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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